Food Bytes

Thank a Farmer

Do you know where the food you eat comes from? Do you know if a farmer was involved? As we celebrate Thanksgiving in the U.S., take time to learn more about the farmers in your area. You can also reach out to thank them for their hard work. USDA *Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food* helps to make connections between farmers and consumers. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) offers a N.C. Farm Fresh Directory of pick-yourown farms, roadside farm markets, and farmers markets.

Do you know if your school participates in farm to school? The N.C. Farm to School Program sold almost \$1.4 million dollars of produce to 80+ school districts last year. Top crops for N.C. schools: apples, berries, sweet potatoes and lettuce. Storybooks, activity guides and posters are available from NCDA&CS that follow N.C. produce from the field to school meals. Fact sheets, lesson plans, bulletin boards and other resources are available from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, School Nutrition Services.

Nutrilinks: For resources and info, visit: www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer www.ncfarmfresh.com www.ncfarmtoschool.com http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov

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